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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Sasa KRANJC et al. :

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CLAVULANIC ACID

Box PCT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application , before  
examination, as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Add an abstract, as follows:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A<sup>2</sup>  
A process for preparation of clavulanic acid includes  
fermentation of a clavulanic acid-producing species of  
Streptomyces in a fermentation broth containing sources of  
assimilable carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus, where the